

APPLES WILL AVERAGE \$1 PER BARREL HIGHER

Director Wilson, of Bureau of Markets, Reviews Virginia's Crop Prospects.

BARRELS AND LABOR SHORT
Transportation Conditions, Adverse Labor Conditions and Freight Congestion Contribute to Difficulties of Marketing This Year's Yield.

An analysis of the apple crop report for 1918 as supplied by W. P. Wilson, director, and C. H. Bucher, chief clerk, of the Virginia Division of Markets, State Department of Agriculture, and W. P. Nussery, secretary of the Virginia Horticultural Society, shows that the range in prices will be about \$1 per barrel higher than a year ago. Wineapples and pippins selling for about \$6 for last year is the result of three conditions: a 50 per cent crop, a 100 per cent increase in the price of barrels and a 50 per cent increase in the price of labor. Director Wilson predicts the highest price for apples in the history of the State as well as an increase in the price of Wineapples and Pippins. These results are predicted in spite of the fact that the July estimate was a 100 per cent barrel increase commercial production in the United States.

It is reported from all apple-producing sections of the United States that the price of barrels ranges from 75 to 85 cents a barrel. This is an increase of 100 per cent over last year. Scarcity of barrels resulting from difficulty in distributing and making up stock is also noted in the annual report. In several of the heaviest-producing sections barrels are unobtainable. It is reported. This is due largely to transportation embargoes, adverse milling conditions and freight congestion.

LABOR SHORTAGE IS SERIOUS PROBLEM
The report also states that the labor shortage is a serious problem for the State and labor bureaus, and that this shortage will have a necessary tendency to increase the quantity of apples. As bulk fruit can be handled with less and cheaper labor than fruit carefully packed and graded. The combination of these conditions, price and labor, the division of markets thinks will essentially drive the price of apples up at least \$1 a barrel.

Mr. Wilson reports a 42 per cent crop in Virginia, which will yield for 1918 about 1,000,000 barrels. The Wineapples and Albemarle Pippins are light and scattered. The Yorks are reported to be the best. The Ben Davis variety promises a full crop of the best quality. In the entire Shenandoah Valley and Cumberland region from Staunton to Harrisonburg, Pa., the yield promises an increase from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 barrels. The condition of the varieties, except the Yorks, is clean and good. The Ben Davis, Grimes and Wineapples, however, are reported good, clean and of good size. The main varieties are the York, Ben Davis, Grimes and Wineapples.

VIRGINIA APPLES COMPETE WITH NEW YORK BALDWIN'S
Director Wilson stated that the Virginia apple growers were usually too hasty in marketing their Yorks, which compete with the New York Baldwin's. He remarked that northern buyers would mislead Virginia growers by telling them of the Baldwins and their prices and scaring the growers, who are ignorant of the national supply and demand into selling out. He stated that in Eastern New York there was a 50 per cent crop, with the Baldwins not so good as the Greenings, and that in the lake section there was a 68 per cent crop, with the Baldwins very light on account of the severe winter injury to fruit. "Of course, the old-fashioned Virginia Wineapples and Albemarle Pippins will always sell," said Mr. Wilson. He was making the point that the Baldwin crop in New York should not drive the Virginia crop down in price, although the Western New York crop promises a yield of 5,000,000 barrels for 1918 as compared with 1,000,000 in 1917. The Hudson Valley shows a decrease of 200,000 barrels.

In Vermont the crop is estimated at 25 per cent, the Baldwin crop being but half normal. The Maine crop is but 30 per cent normal. Baldwin trees are being dead as a result of the terrible winter. The same condition prevails in New Hampshire, where the crop is 40 per cent crop. Massachusetts has a 50 per cent crop; but there, too, the trees were in many places killed last winter. Connecticut has a 45 per cent crop, and Pennsylvania a 50 per cent yield, with the York variety slight. New Jersey promises a 60 per cent yield, while Delaware and Maryland promise but a 40 and 45 per cent crop, respectively. The crop in West Virginia is as good as 50 per cent, but that in North Carolina is but 40. The Kentucky yield is 30 per cent only, but the Tennessee crop is half normal. The yields in the other Southern States varies from 20 to 70 per cent of normal.

TAKING UP QUESTION OF SHIPPING FACILITIES
Director Wilson stated that the fruit growers and the Division of Markets were, the barrels at the different shipping points estimated with reasonable accuracy, taking the matter of shipping them up with the railroad administrator. To have sufficient number of cars already at the points to contain them will prevent the usual warehouse waste, said Director Wilson.

Director Wilson returned yesterday from a tour of the Shenandoah and Piedmont Valley regions with a delegation of fruit growers from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. He said that the party secured a number of automobiles; that they were going into Adams County, Pennsylvania, to inspect the crop there, and from there into Maryland. This inspection is for the purpose of intercommunication among the apple growers of the States. At the National Apple Show, held in Philadelphia last week, the Virginia Horticultural Society and the Virginia Fruit Growers' Association secured a prize. Pennsylvania won first place by one point.

GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDON BANISHING MAN FROM HOME

Youth, Sentenced at Age of Eleven Years on Charge of Criminal Assault, Set Free

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., August 24.—Two pardons by Governor Bickett, issued on his own initiative and three issued after favorable action by the State pardon and parole board, were made public today.

Alphonzo Rhyme, of Gaston County, is pardoned by the Governor from the remainder of a thirty-year sentence imposed in 1906 for a second degree murder on condition that he do not return to Gaston County for ten years.

Jeremiah Walker, of Buncombe County, gets a pardon from the Governor for a fifteen-year sentence for attempt at criminal assault. The reasons state that Walker was a young man, aged 19, in 1907, being eleven years old and weighing only sixty pounds.

The prisoners pardoned or paroled by order of the board are Dudley Williams, Beaufort County, serving since 1912 on a ten years sentence for incest, Jesse Brown, Swain County, serving since 1916 on a four years sentence for manslaughter, Guernsey Quarter, Forsyth County, serving since July, 1917, for forgery.

Attempt to Kill Officers
WASHINGTON, August 24.—An official dispatch from Switzerland says that attempts against the lives of officers are increasing in Austria. It is reported that several Austrian troops have been ordered to the rear to have revolvers with them always.

Car Owners Asked to Aid Wounded

Entertainment to Be Provided for Convalescing Soldiers at Westhampton.

In an effort to provide automobiles for convalescing soldiers to be quartered at Westhampton Base Hospital, the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross, through its committee, comprising Mr. Trigg and S. G. Christian, has mailed to Richmond motorists a request that they place their cars and drivers at the disposal of the men when they are not otherwise in service.

With each request has gone a form which the car owners are asked to fill out and return by mail to post-office box No. 1377. This form is as follows:

I will lend my automobile, with driver, to the Red Cross for use in connection with Westhampton hospital two days in each month, either morning or afternoon, and would prefer being called on the.....and.....days of each month.

Name.....
Address.....
My telephone number is.....
My car seats.....

While this is in no sense an appeal solely to motorists who employ chauffeurs, it is emphasized by the committee that drivers will have to be furnished for each car for the reason that the wounded men will not be able to operate them. Car owners who can spare time to drive the men about town are wanted in this emergency as much so as are those who can furnish both car and hired driver.

The committee points out that this is an opportunity for real service that all Richmond car owners can and should take advantage of. In a little while the wounded men will begin to arrive from the battle fronts. Many will be far away from home and relatives just, perhaps, as many Richmond boys will be situated in other localities. They will need friends to cheer them and to convince them that the service they have rendered humanity is appreciated by the people among whom they will be thrown for the next several months.

No wounded men have been brought to Westhampton yet, but it is certain that a large number will arrive within a few weeks. In the meantime, the Red Cross wants to prepare for their reception. The automobile scheme is a part of the ambitious program being formed for their comfort, convenience and happiness.

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Will Devote Entire Attention to Duties as President of Steamship Line.

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An Advertisement by Smithdeal Business College

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12, 1918.

Mr. W. T. Smithdeal, President,
Smithdeal Business College,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Mr. Smithdeal:

I want to express to you my appreciation of the thorough training which I received at your school.

After having studied less than three months there, I secured a government appointment in Washington, without any entrance examination whatever, and within a week's time was offered a better position.

I can most heartily recommend your excellent system of instruction to anyone interested in taking business training. The individual attention given Smithdeal students makes rapid advancement possible.

Again, thanking you for your interest and help, I am,

Sincerely,

(This young lady's name will be furnished on request).

SMITHIDEAL BUSINESS COLLEGE

You will secure a Business Education but ONCE—
Be sure you get the BEST

9th & BROAD STS. RICHMOND, VA.

ITALIAN WOMAN REFUGEE LOSES THREE DAUGHTERS

Typical Story of Flight When Invader Entered Italy. Baby Born in American Red Cross Refuge at Milan.

MILAN, August 24.—The days of the American Red Cross Via Giusti Home for Refugees are numbered. One by one, family by family, its inmates are leaving—some to new homes of their own and others to join relatives, lost in the confusion of flight, and now found through the efforts of the Italian authorities or the American organization. When neither relatives can be found nor work be secured, because of age or ill health of the refugee, the doors of the "Palazzo Reale" (Royal Palace) at Monza, a short ride from Milan, are opened to these homeless ones. At the Palazzo Reale, given over by the royal family to Italy's old and destitute, these victims of a cruel and senseless war find a permanent and grateful refuge. Particularly do the old women sent there revel in the softness of the blankets and the whiteness of the Palazzo's sheets.

But there still remains at the home in 28 Via Giusti the prize baby, born at the refuge, and his mother. There are many sad stories of that flight from Northern Italy before oncoming enemy troops—stories of children torn from their parents, of mothers seeing their little ones swept from bridges to the swift current of a river below, of old people trampled underfoot. Maria Danelli's story is only one of many heart-breaking ones, but it carries the added sting of suspense—of the truth, whatever it may be, unknown.

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When the last hour came and all were forced to flee from the home village Maria's three little girls were at the home of an aunt. Maria herself, a small son and two nephews were hurried into a crowded camion and driven away. What was her relief when but a short distance on the way to see, as she thought, the faces of her three little girls in a camion behind! Poor Maria, a great disappointment and grief was found of her three little girls. Then followed the trip to Milan, the birth of her baby—but no word of the three children now on the list of the missing. Week followed week, and month followed month, but they are not to be found, at least in free Italy. For the official list of all refugee children separated from their parents, and cared for in different places throughout Italy, is now complete, but the names of Maria's three little daughters do not appear among the number. Whether they were left behind and are now within the enemy's lines—which, dreadful as it sounds, is what the town hopes—or whether they were among the many lost forever, is the unanswered question ever haunting the mind of poor Maria Danelli.

It is Maria's growing beautiful baby.

Pietro, the pride and joy of the nurses at the Via Giusti Home, that keeps her sane and if not happy, at least not wholly despondent. As soon as he is a little older and Maria can secure work that will support her and little Pietro—and perhaps the older boy—she will leave the home like all the rest and begin life anew. "Dopo la Guerra" (after the war), the phrase that is on so many lips these days! With Maria Danielle it means not only the hoped-for reunion with her husband—a soldier at the front—but, who knows, the finding of her little girls safe, let us hope, behind the enemy lines.

Reduce Size of Weeklies.
WASHINGTON, August 24.—Reduction of 25 per cent of all publication space in excess of eight pages for country weekly newspapers is ordered by Chairman Baruch, of the war industries board. Other features of conservation plan for newspaper paper, which by this order is extended to include the country weeklies, are discontinuance of papers to subscribers three months after subscriptions expire, stopping use of free copies for exchanges within the same country, or a forty-mile radius, stopping publication of extra copies for advertising stimulation, and stopping of return of unsold copies from news dealers.

Ask Letters From Marines.
WASHINGTON, August 24.—Relatives and friends of marines fighting in France were called upon by marine corps headquarters today to forward letters describing intervening incidents at the front, so they may be incorporated in the permanent records of the corps. Where desired, the letters will be copied and returned.

The selling news of Richmond to-day is contained in the Want Ads. Read them through.

Thanks to PERUNA

Mrs. Kate Marquis, Middleburg, Logan Co., Ohio, writes as follows:

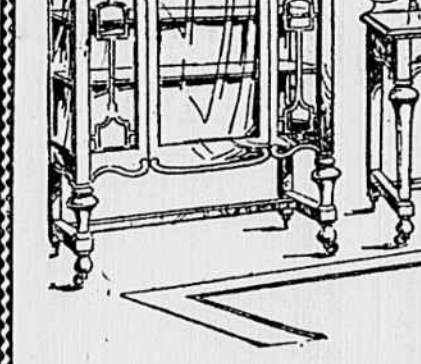
"I have used Peruna with success. It has cured me of catarrh of the head and throat. It is the best medicine for catarrh that I have ever used. I am completely cured. Thanks to Peruna."

Mrs. Marquis is but one of many thousands who know that Peruna for that catarrhal condition of the membranes responsible for many of the human ills.

Final Week of the Great August Furniture Sale!

For those about to move into the new home, and who expect to buy Furniture, this event offers a wonderful chance for liberal savings that cannot be equalled—savings that, as compared with those of the future, will seem almost amazing.

Remember That Even at the Low Prices Now Prevailing, Our Deferred Payment Plan is Open for You to Take Advantage Of.



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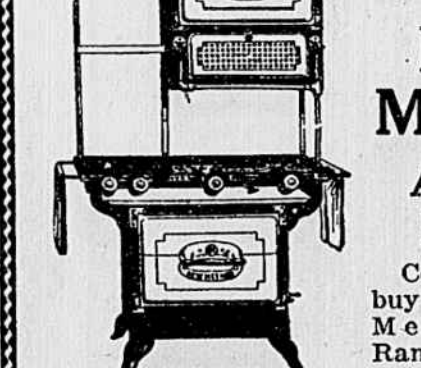
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We also feature in this sale other wonderful Cabinet values that we have no room to mention in this ad. Come and let us show them to you.

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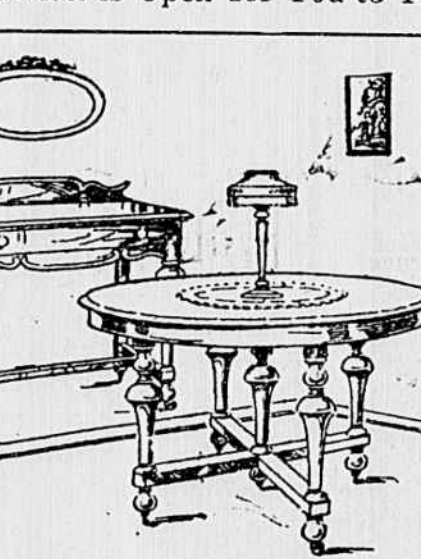
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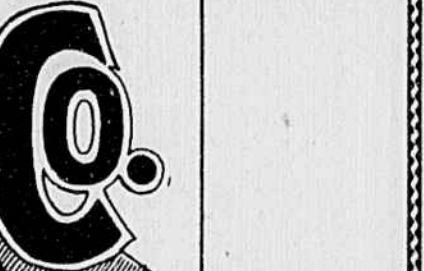
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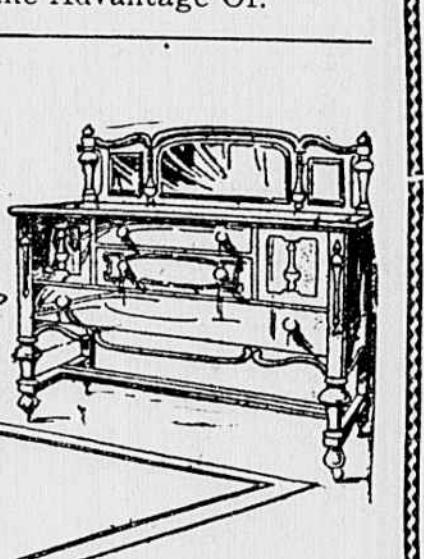
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